

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 3178 – HB 3539

March 13, 2012

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013648): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires public charter schools to comply with Tennessee open meetings law. Requires public charter schools to maintain websites in the same manner as the local education agency (LEA) in which the public charter school resides. If the LEA places public notice of board meetings of the governing board, agendas for meetings, policies adopted by the governing board, and the names and contact information of governing board members on its website, then the public charter school shall maintain a website that contains the same information. Notice of regular and special meetings shall be placed on the website of any public charter school that maintains one. Authorizes a public charter school to place its information on the LEA's or a related website until the public charter school can begin a website of its own; provided that the location of this information is made known to the public. Requires all records of a public charter school to be open to the public to the same extent as records of regular public schools operated by an LEA.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- No change in the amount of state and local funding going to the public charter school. No fiscal impact on state or local expenditures.
- Any increase in expenditures associated with starting or maintaining a new public charter school website will be borne by the public charter school.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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